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For: TORQUEABLE AND DEFLECTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE SHAFT

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and the Notice of Allowability mailed April 15, 2010. With regard to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, while Applicant believes that the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, or a single feature, as exactly stated by the Examiner, or as exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability. Applicant believes that there are additional reasons that the claims can be distinguished from the prior art, other than the reasons stated by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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